

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, comprising:

an auto-sampler to which a methanol water mixture and a sample comprising nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are sent;

a silica-gel/C8-separation column downstream of the auto-sampler for receiving the methanol water mixture and the sample from the auto-sampler and separating the sample comprising nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons into at least four separate nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons including 1-nitropyrene, 1,3-dinitropyrene, 1,6-dinitropyrene and 1,8-dinitropyrene;

a reduction column downstream of the separation column for receiving the at least four separate nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons including 1-nitropyrene, 1,3-dinitropyrene, 1,6-dinitropyrene and 1,8-dinitropyrene from the separation column and aminating the separated nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; and

a fluorescence detector.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, comprising:

an auto-sampler to which a methanol water mixture and a sample comprising nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are sent;

a ~~silica-gel/C8~~ separation column downstream of the auto-sampler for receiving the methanol water mixture and the sample from the auto-sampler and separating the sample containing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons into at least four separate nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons including 1-nitropyrene, 1,3-dinitropyrene, 1,6-dinitropyrene and 1,8-dinitropyrene;

a reduction column downstream of the separation column for receiving the at least four separate nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons including 1-nitropyrene, 1,3-dinitropyrene, 1,6-dinitropyrene and 1,8-dinitropyrene from the separation column and aminating the separated nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons;

an analysis column for separating an interfering component contained in the sample from the aminated separated nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; and

a fluorescence detector.

3-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons according to claim 1, wherein the reduction column is an alumina/Pt-Rh reduction column.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic

aromatic hydrocarbons according to claim 2, wherein the reduction column is an alumina/Pt-Rh reduction column.

13-14 (Canceled).

15. (New) The apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons according to claim 1, wherein the separation column is a silica gel/C8 column.

16. (New) The apparatus for analyzing nitropolycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons according to claim 2, wherein the separation column is a silica gel/C8 column.